

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **A System Of Co-Located Computers In A Framework Including Removable Function Modules For Adding Modular Functionality**, the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.  
☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below, or under § 365(a) of any PCT international application listed below designating least one country other than the United States of America, and have identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT international application, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

<u>Prior Foreign Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>(mm/dd/yy)</u>	<u>Priority</u> <u>Claimed</u>	<u>Cert. copy</u> <u>Attached</u>
N/A				

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

<u>Provisional Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>(mm/dd/yy)</u>

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below, or under § 365(c) of any PCT international application listed below designating the United States of America, and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of the subject matter claimed in this application, as "materiality" is defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

<u>Parent Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u> <u>(mm/dd/yy)</u>	<u>Parent Patent No. (if applicable) or Status</u>

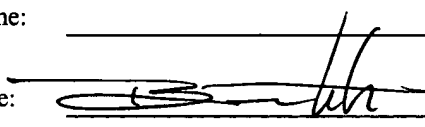
The Assignee hereby ~~revokes~~ any previous Powers of Attorney and ~~appoints~~ Jeffrey C. Hood, Reg. No. 35,198, Kevin L. Daffer, Reg. No. 34,146, B. Noël Kivlin, Reg. No. 33,929, Eric B. Meyertons, Reg. No. 34,876 and David A. Rose, Reg. No. 26,223, each said attorneys being members or associates of the firm of Conley, Rose & Tayon, P.C., as attorney or agent for so long as they remain with such company or firm, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the application, to make alterations and amendments therein, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(c))-- SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN

Docket Number: 5602-00900

Applicant, Patentee, or Identifier: Barry Thornton  
Application or Patent No.: Herewith  
Filed or Issued: Herewith  
Title: A System Of Co-Located Computers In A Framework Including Removable Function Modules For Adding Modular Functionality

I hereby state that I am

- ☐ the owner of the small business concern identified below.  
☐ an official of the small business concern empowered to act on behalf of the concern identified below.

NAME OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN ClearCube Technology

ADDRESS OF SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN 8834 Capitol of Texas Highway, Austin, TX 78759

I hereby state that the above identified small business concern qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 13 CFR Part 121 for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Questions related to size standards for a small business concern may be directed to: Small business Administration, Size Standard Staff, 409 Third Street, SW, Washington, DC 20416.

I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.  
☐ the application identified above.  
☐ the patent identified above.

If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ No such person, concern or organization exists.  
☐ Each such person, concern or organization is listed below:

☐ Individual ☐ Small Business Concern ☐ Nonprofit Organization

Separate statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention stating their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

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